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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

Amended portions of the **specification** are presented on pages 2-3.

Paragraphs of the Description are amended.

The Sequence Listing is attached.

The **claims** are presented on pages 4-6.

Claims 1-19 are canceled.

Claims 20-39 are added.

Remarks begin on page 7.